

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. Sporadic clashes, though relatively minor, are reported again this morning.

b. While each side will probably try to avoid major outbreaks for the time being, in order not to prejudice its case in the UN, the Greek Cypriots are increasingly cocky. They are convinced they are winning and that Ankara is bluffing.

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d. The director of the US-owned Cyprus (copper) Mining Company, the only large industry on the island, reports all the company's dynamite has been stolen. He plans to close down operations.

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f. Turkish reconnaissance flights over Crete and Rhodes, have prompted a warning from Greece that any foreign plane violating its air space will be shot down.

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2. Gabon

a. Unconfirmed reports this morning say President Mba is back in power. If so, it was presumably with the help of French paratroops who were flown into Gabon yesterday from neighboring Congo (Brazzaville) and the Central African Republic.

b. All Americans were reported safe as of late yesterday, the interior is reported calm, and there are no reports of fighting in Libreville.

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c. Yesterday's coup attempt was evidently the work of disgruntled junior army and gendarmerie officers in connivance with some of Mba's political opponents.

d. It was strictly an internal power grab with no apparent international overtones, although Gabon's close ties with France might have been loosened somewhat had it succeeded.

3. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Prospects for the three foreign ministers to get together again are poor. The cease-fire is also threatened.

b. [] Indonesia []
[] to air-drop supplies to guerrillas in Malaysian Borneo, a move which the Malaysians claim is designed to create the impression that the guerrillas "occupy" well-established areas.

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c. Djakarta is also planning to send in more troops. []

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[] The Malaysian position that there will be no further talks while the guerrillas remain seems to be hardening.

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4. OAS-Panama

a. The members of the special OAS commission investigating Panamanian charges of aggression against the US feel that the Chiari government is still determined not to enter bilateral negotiations with the US unless it is assured that revision of the Canal treaties is a topic for consideration.

b. At least one member of the committee thinks that it may now be necessary to convene a foreign ministers' conference as a last ditch maneuver to prevent the matter from passing to the United Nations.

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5. Cuba-UK

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6. France-China

a. The Nationalists are sounding out the French to discover if Paris might be receptive to the idea of some sort of informal relationship.

b. The Nationalists, according to Vice Foreign Minister Yang, are not thinking of consular relations, but want to see if Paris has anything in mind.

c. The respective French and Nationalist chargés will be departing their posts this Thursday, two days before the French and Chinese Communist chargés arrive at their posts.

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e. The French have thus far failed to go along with other members of the EEC in accepting Taipei's request of mid-January for approval of its ambassador-designate to the EEC.

7. North Korea-
US Pilots

a. The North Koreans are wringing all the propaganda exploitation they can out of the two US helicopter pilots forced down last May.

b. Yesterday they broadcast an interview which purported to be an abject confession by the pilots to espionage and crimes against the South Korean people. The pilots' own voices were not heard.

c. The broadcast coincided with a North Korean letter to the UN command saying they were prepared to be "lenient" with the pilots if the UN admitted to having violated the armistice agreement and promised not to do it again.

d. There was, however, no reference to release of the pilots.

NOTES

- A. Cuba-US The two Cuban emigrés who hijacked the Piper Apache yesterday said at Havana airport, that they simply wanted to return home. Cuban plans for disposition of the US pilot [] are not yet known.
- B. Chou En-lai trip [] Chou En-lai, currently on a swing through Pakistan and Ceylon, will visit Indonesia before returning home in early March.
- C. Kenya-Zanzibar Kenyatta will not consider sending any security troops to Zanzibar unless he gets a written request from President Karume to do so. [] he is not really sure what is going on there. In this he is not alone.
- D. Bolivia Another split has taken place in President Paz' party. In addition to Lechin and his left-wing followers, Paz now must cope with a separate group of disgruntled office-seekers drawn from both left and right.
- E. USSR The long-expected Soviet space operation was attempted early this morning, but failed shortly after launch--too soon to determine what kind of operation was planned. A Venus probe seemed a likely possibility. []

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